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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 17, 2002

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The Applicants wish to make the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action Mailed on May 17, 2002.

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A marked-up copy of all amendments may be found in Appendix 1.

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In the specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph entitled "Cross Reference" (lines 7-11) with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Applications for Patent S/N 08/810983, filed on February 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,989,835 and S/N 08/865,341 filed on May 29, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,479; PCT Application WO 97/45730 filed May 29, 1997, and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Applications filed December 11, 1997, serial numbers 60/069,246 and 60/069,329.

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